

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 51

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes “Assembly Task Force on Senior Housing.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** establishing the “Assembly Task
2 Force on Senior Housing.”

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4 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
5 *Jersey:*

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7 1. There is established the “Assembly Task Force on Senior
8 Housing.” The purpose of the task force shall be to study and make
9 recommendations concerning access to, and the affordability of,
10 housing for senior citizens, particularly housing constructed using
11 federal and State subsidies, and other housing constructed as part of
12 a municipality’s affordable housing obligation. The task force shall
13 examine how eligibility for senior housing is determined and the
14 amount of time that an applicant for a senior housing unit may wait
15 for a unit to become available. The task force shall examine the
16 availability of senior housing units in every county in the State, and
17 shall identify the counties in the State where senior housing is not
18 adequately available. The task force shall also determine if there is
19 a need in the State for the construction of additional units of senior
20 housing, and shall recommend where that housing should be
21 targeted.

22 In conducting its business, the task force shall call upon the
23 Department of Community Affairs, housing advocates, advocates
24 for senior citizens, and representatives of the United States
25 Department of Housing and Urban Development to offer their
26 respective expertise and experience regarding the availability and
27 affordability of senior housing in the State.

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29 2. a. The task force shall comprise nine members appointed by
30 the Speaker of the General Assembly. Not more than two of the
31 task force members shall be members of the General Assembly, and
32 those members shall not be members of the same political party. Of
33 the remaining members of the task force, one shall be a
34 representative of the State’s community development corporations,
35 one shall be a representative of the State’s low-income community,
36 one shall be a municipal housing liaison or a municipal
37 administrative agent for affordable housing units, one shall be a
38 representative of affordable housing developers, one shall be a
39 representative of the senior citizen community, one shall be a
40 representative of a public housing authority, and one shall be a
41 representative of a municipality that is a member of the New Jersey
42 State League of Municipalities. The Speaker shall designate one
43 appointee to the task force to serve as chairperson of the task force.

44 b. The task force shall hold its first meeting within 30 days after
45 the effective date of this resolution, and shall meet thereafter at the
46 call of its chairperson.

47 c. A majority of the membership of the task force shall
48 constitute a quorum for the transaction of task force business, and

1 action may be taken at any meeting by the affirmative vote of a
2 majority of the membership of the task force. All public meetings
3 of the task force shall be recorded and transcribed. All meetings at
4 which official task force action is taken shall be open to the public.
5 The task force may meet and hold hearings at the places it
6 designates during the sessions or recesses of the Legislature. The
7 chairperson of the task force shall notify the Office of Legislative
8 Services, for posting and distribution to the public, of the time,
9 place, and agenda of each meeting of the task force.

10 d. The Office of Legislative Services shall provide professional
11 and clerical staff to the task force.

12 e. The task force shall be entitled to call to its assistance and
13 avail itself of the services of the employees of any State, county, or
14 municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or agency, or
15 any public institution of higher education in the State, as it may
16 require and as may be available to it for its purposes, and to employ
17 stenographic and clerical assistance and incur traveling and other
18 miscellaneous expenses necessary to perform its duties, within the
19 limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to it for its
20 purposes.

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22 3. Within six months after the date the task force organizes, it
23 shall prepare and submit to the President of the Senate, the Speaker
24 of the General Assembly, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the
25 Minority Leader of the General Assembly, and the chairpersons of
26 the Senate Community Affairs Committee and the Assembly
27 Housing and Community Development Committee, or their
28 successors, a report containing its findings and recommendations,
29 including any proposals for legislation, and other appropriate
30 legislative or regulatory action. Any member of the task force who
31 does not concur with the report of the task force may issue a
32 minority statement, which shall be included in the transmitted
33 report of the task force.

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35 4. This concurrent resolution shall take effect immediately, and
36 shall expire 30 days after transmittal of the report required pursuant
37 to section 3 of this resolution.

40 STATEMENT

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42 This Assembly Resolution would establish the “Assembly Task
43 Force on Senior Housing.” The purpose of the nine member task
44 force would be to study, and make recommendations concerning
45 access to, and the affordability of, housing for senior citizens,
46 particularly housing constructed using federal and State subsidies,
47 and other housing constructed as part of a municipality’s affordable
48 housing obligation. The task force would: examine how eligibility

1 for senior housing is determined and the amount of time that an
2 applicant for a senior housing unit may wait for a unit to become
3 available; determine the availability of senior housing units in every
4 county in the State, and where senior housing is not adequately
5 available; determine if there is a need in the State for the
6 construction of additional units of senior housing; and recommend
7 where that housing should be targeted.

8 The task force members, all to be appointed by the Speaker of
9 the General Assembly, shall include two members of the General
10 Assembly, who shall not be of the same political party; Of the
11 remaining members of the task force, one shall be a representative
12 of the State's community development corporations, one shall be a
13 representative of the State's low-income community, one shall be a
14 municipal housing liaison or a municipal administrative agent for
15 affordable housing units, one shall be a representative of affordable
16 housing developers, one shall be a representative of the senior
17 citizen community, one shall be a representative of a public housing
18 authority, and one shall be a representative of a municipality that is
19 a member of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities. The
20 Speaker would designate one appointee to the task force to serve as
21 chairperson of the task force.

22 The bill would require that within six months after the date the
23 task force organizes, it shall prepare and submit to the President of
24 the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the Minority
25 Leader of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the General Assembly,
26 and the chairpersons of the Senate Community Affairs Committee
27 and the Assembly Housing and Community Development
28 Committee, or their successors, a report containing its findings and
29 recommendations, including any proposals for legislation, and other
30 appropriate legislative or regulatory action.